

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of bending a thin plate in a predetermined direction by irradiating a laser beam onto the thin plate, comprising:  
irradiating a laser beam linearly onto the thin plate in  
5 approximately the predetermined direction.
2. A method of bending a thin plate using a laser beam, wherein  
the laser beam is irradiated onto the thin plate to curve the thin  
plate.
- 10 3. A method of correcting a suspension used to mount a magnetic  
head in a hard disk drive, comprising:  
either one of or both  
measuring load on the suspension and obtaining a load  
15 adjustment amount from the measured load; and  
measuring an angle of the suspension and obtaining an  
angle adjustment amount from the measured angle;  
defining, by using irradiation shapes in advance, that a laser  
beam is linearly irradiated onto either one of or both a load curve  
20 portion and an angle adjustment portion of the suspension in  
approximately the same direction as a curving direction, preparing  
combinations of irradiation shapes in advance, and selecting an  
irradiation shape combination corresponding to either one of or both the  
load adjustment amount and the angle adjustment amount; and  
25 irradiating a laser beam based on the selected irradiation shape

combination.

4. A suspension correction method of adjusting an angle of the suspension by irradiating a laser beam onto a laser beam irradiation area for correcting an angle in plus or a laser beam irradiation area for correcting an angle in minus, based on an arrangement that

the suspension is formed in a thin plate shape as a whole, the header is connected to an outrigger from one end of a head mounting portion via a spring, and the outrigger consists of a curve portion reaching both sides of the head mounting portion, and a linear portion that continues from the curve portion, and

an XY axis is set around the head mounting portion, an area I to an area IV are formed on the XY coordinates with the X axis as a gimbal longitudinal direction, and the laser beam irradiation area for correcting the angle in plus or the laser beam irradiation area for correcting the angle in minus is set in the area I and the area III or the area II and the area IV respectively.

5. A suspension correction method of adjusting an angle of the suspension by irradiating a laser beam onto a laser beam irradiation area for correcting a pitch angle in plus or a laser beam irradiation area for correcting a pitch angle in minus, based on an arrangement that

the suspension is formed in a thin plate shape as a whole, the header is connected to an outrigger from one end of a head mounting portion via a spring, and the outrigger consists of a curve portion

reaching both sides of the head mounting portion, and a linear portion that continues from the curve portion, and

a boundary is provided in a direction orthogonal with a gimbal longitudinal direction around the spring, a first area is formed at the head mounting side, a second area is formed at the opposite side, the laser beam irradiation area for correcting the pitch angle in plus is set in the first area, and the laser beam irradiation area for correcting the pitch angle in minus is set in the second area.

6. A thin plate that has at least one portion thereof formed in a curve and beam shape, and that has a laser beam irradiation trajectory linearly formed in approximately the same direction as the curve direction.

7. An apparatus for correcting a suspension used to mount a magnetic head in a hard disk drive, comprising:

either one of or both

a load measuring unit that measures a load on the suspension; and

an angle measuring unit that measures an angle of the suspension;

a laser beam irradiating unit that irradiates a laser beam in approximately the same direction as a curving direction onto either one of or both load correction area and an angle correction area of the

suspension, based on either one of or both the load measured by the

load measuring unit and the angle measured by the angle measuring unit; and

a conveyer unit that fixes the suspension onto a conveyer stage, and conveys the suspension while positioning the suspension on either one of or both the load measuring unit and the angle measuring unit, and the laser beam irradiating unit.

8. The suspension correction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the laser beam irradiating unit includes a laser marker, and the laser beam irradiating unit has a storage to store a laser beam irradiation shape according to the laser marker as an irradiation shape.

9. A computer program that makes a computer executes:

either one of or both

defining, by using irradiation shapes in advance, that a laser beam is linearly irradiated onto any one part of a load curve portion of a suspension in approximately the same direction as a curving direction, and preparing combinations of irradiation shapes in advance; and

defining, by using irradiation shapes in advance, that a laser beam is linearly irradiated onto any one part of an angle adjustment portion of a suspension in approximately the same direction as a curving direction, and preparing combinations of irradiation shapes in advance; and

a selecting step of selecting an irradiation shape combination corresponding to either one of or both the load adjustment amount and the angle adjustment amount obtained from a measured load of a head of a hard disk drive that presses against a disk in the hard disk drive,  
5 and using the selected combination to irradiate the laser beam.